

REMARKS

Applicant requests that the above amendment be entered so as to more clearly and accurately define the desired embodiment of the present invention. Applicant believes the invention as claimed is a novel and non-obvious invention in that it includes an electrical cable composed of a plurality of ultra-fine metal fibers configured to establish electrical contact between the brush and the current conducting element and to conduct current between the current conducting element and the brush.

As noted in the remarks filed with the RCE, the references cited by the Examiner (i.e. Dobbing and Gordon) do not disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed. Electrical brushes having flexible ultra-fine metal fiber cables were not disclosed or suggested by the references and further the need for such cables did not exist at the time of the referenced inventions were invented. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that claims as now amended be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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